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REPLY A

This is in reply to the Office communication mailed February 21, 2003.

AMENDMENTS

In the specification

On page 2, after line 23, please insert the following new paragraph:

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-- The transmission electron microscopic examination of the product is conducted
following the procedure described in U.S. Patent 6,287,992, column 12, lines 10 to 15,
replacing the epoxy samples with nanocomposite polymer samples. --

In the claims

Please amend Claims 4, 8, 14 and 15 as follows:

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4. The process of Claim 3, wherein the thermoplastic polymer is a blend of
thermoplastic polymers.